दूसरे कोआपरेटिव बैंक जो किसानों को एग्रीकल्चरल इक्विपमेंट दिए जाते हैं लोन के थ्रू वह मार्केटिंग सोसायटी से उनको देते हैं, जैसे इलेक्ट्रिक पम्प्स, सबमर्सिबल पम्प्स थ्रेशर—मार्केटिंग में उनका बहुत ज्यादा पैसा लगता है, ओपन मार्केट में कम लगता है। इस विषय में मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से जानना चाहता हूं।

SHRI G. S. DHILLON: Sir, these are some suggestions. So far as the internal working of the co-operative societies are concerned, their chairmen are there and the others also are there...But I may state here that the chairmen of the co-operative societies are very much powerful. How to make them less powerful? The honourable Member has suggested that they should be made less powerful. Of course, I would like to say that the suggestion is taken note of and later on I can tell what other specific steps we are taking. But, at present, I am not in a position to say how to make them less powerful and less effective because it all depends on individual co-operative societies and how they are working, they are state subjects.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Half-a-minute note. Yes (Mr. Jagesh Desai. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Sir, co-operative movement is the people's movement. But I would say that with regard to co-operative societies, there are certain parties who do not take any interest at all....

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

I. Correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on 13th March, 1987 to a supplementary to Starred Question 249, regarding irregularities in distribution of imported sugar by NCCF.

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): Sir, with your kind permission and my apology, through you, Sir, to the House, I want to make a small clarification because an error crept in my reply today with regard to distribution of imported sugar in Delhi by NCCF. I said that out of 17, 16 persons have been charge-sheeted. Actually, 9 have been charge-sheeted. I wanted to clarify that. At that time it was inadvertance on my part.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Farmers' representation in the agricultural costs and prices commission

*243. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the demand that the Agricultural Costs and Prices Commission should have representatives of farmers and consumers also in it; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) With a view to make the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices Broad-based, it has been decided to enlarge and restructure the Commission by increasing its members from four to seven. Besides the Chairman, there will be three official and three non-official members.